TO-DAY'S NEWS BRIEF.

The series were M.N., 130, and the balances of the Domestic exchange was quoted as cold. New York, the premium bid, the mands Chicago, He premium bid, the mands Chicago, He premium bid, the discount has a series and the Oriogas, He discount has a series and the Chicago, He discount has been marked touched tower at a lawy, "My he had not market closed lower at a lawy, "My he had not market closed lower at a lawy, "My he had not consend at the had you will be had to he had not consend at the had you will be had to he had not closed at 25 fe a. May, "My a My a Sept., 10000 fe No. 2. The local approach to market closed quiet.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. od States Marshals are looking for Woods, charged with appropriating to ra use wreckage from the City of Pa-sunk at Brunkhorst Landing May L

ondola built in Venice made the trip per from Omaha to St. Louis in six-

site of the Merchants' Hotel at th and Olive streets was sold at the source door for \$222,000 yesterday. or Thomas F. Rumbold, a well-known list, died yesterday at his home in

mater Charles A. Towne of Minnesota interesting information on Texas oil ferchants' Exchange members.

Mary Fairchild MacMonnies, a St. wessan, has achieved fame in Europe up her paintings.

Jury in the case of Birdle Cahn, yell with sending objectionable matter as the mails, returned a verdict of relating the mails, returned a verdict of relating the fails of the seventh annual convention at the Southern.

annual convention at the Southern. April Grand Jury returned 160 in

etective Tom Walsh has been appointed atreass; to succeed Lieutenant Keeble, Patrolman James St. John was made a seant of police.

heavy windstorm, accompanied by a fife downpour of rain and hall, swept the causing considerable slight damage property, but occasioning no essualties,

GENERAL DOMESTIC.

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19-year-old girl committed suicide at wis, Ill., by saturating her clothes with I oil and then setting fire to them. In graves of the Confederate dead at its Rock were decented yesterday.

In graves T. Yerkus has sold his Chicago lings for \$8,00,000. He disposed of the sr-Count, which is now controlled by tree W. Hinman.

RAILBOADS

US TREETONIUS DEAD

FIRE THREATENED BEAUMONT GUSHERS

Lake of Oil Ignited and Gave Fire men Hard Battle Before It Was Smothered.

BELCHED FORTH GOLD AND OIL

Queer Find of a Driller-Son of Former Vice President Stevenson in Beaumont.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Besumont, Tex., May 28.—A half-acre of burning oil attracted crowds to Spindletop Hill this afternoon. The dense smoke rose to a height which made it plainly discernible in Beaumont, four miles distant. John H. Galey of the Guffey company and other operators having interests on the hill lost no time in getting to the scene.

Quick action on the part of the field hands prevented the fire from spreading. Earthworks were hurriedly thrown up, and the blaze was effectually confined to the area in which it had originated.

The danger and financial loss which would be involved in a general fire on Spindletop Hill can hardly be estimated. Here all the gushers are located, and many large storage tanks, in which oil is kept to supply the local demand.

Considerable apprehension was felt in town until those who went to investigate returned with the information that the only loss was the waste oil which had accumulated in a pool as a result of leakage from the wardow walls and tanks in the neigh.

ated in a pool as a result of leakage from he various wells and tanks in the neigh

Beprecents Western Investers.

Lewis G. Stevenson, son of former Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, is in Beaumont superintending the operations of large Western interests which he represents Mr. Stevenson's home is in Denver, but he spends much of his time on the Pacific Coast and in the Southwest on such missions as that which brought him to Beaumont. The people for whom he is acting are sinking a well less than 1,600 feet from the Kelly and about one mile northwest of the gushers. It is more an experiment than anything else, the object being to define the oil-bearing district. Already this well has been sunk 1,000 feet, with a 4-inch pipe, and to-day operations were begun with a 3-inch pips below that depth. It is the intention to go at least 2,600 feet, and there is a possibility that drilling will be continued beyond that point if it is practicable. The formations encountered in sinking the gushers have not been found in this well. It is reported that no rock of any kind has been found, and that the drilling has been principally through sand of various degrees of coarseness. If the oil is not located an effort probably will be made to get it at some other place off the hill.

The Buffalo well is down 200 feet with a 13-inch pipe. The company is boring on its property west and alightly north of the gushera, and just across the Sabine Railroad track from Spindletop.

Wells are now going down in all parts of Jefferson County, from the Guif to a noint

track from Spindletop.

Wells are now going down in all parts of Jefferson County, from the Guif to a point several miles northwest of Beaumont. Operations also will be inaugurated soon in Chambers County, adjoining Jefferson County, on the west. W. B. Price of Limoon, Neb., has leased a portion of Hall's farm, eight miles from Stovall in Chambers County, and expects to begin drilling within the next two weeks.

Beal Estate Champing Hands.

North of Jefferson County, in Harris County, of which Houston is the county-seat, the oil excitement is stimulating real estate transfers, and agents who have offsees both here and in Houston say that business in Houston is becoming.

The Guffey company is now sinking a well at Webster, near Laports, Harris County,

It is reported here that the Forward Reduction Company has leased 1400 acres of land near Lake Charles, La., and that a well will be started by May M. This company has on foot a project to build reflected for Beaumont oil.

W. J. Stratford, who is boring the 10-inch well at Landrun, twelve miles southwest of Beaumont, came in from the bronerty

of Basumont, came in from the property to-night and exhibited a piece of free gold weighing two and one-half punnyweights, which he said had been found in the well.

which he said had been found in the well. With it was a quantity of fron pyrites, and also considerable gravel.

Mr. Stratford is an expert geologist and has been in the Beaumont field for thirty mouths. He attaches no extraordinary importance to the finding of gold in his well at a depth of 900 feet, although this is the first instance of the kind on record in the history of well boring in this region. The Landrun well is 10 inches all the way down and is being sunk with a standard rig.

H. S. REAVIS.

OIL AT LITTON SPRINGS, TEX. OIL AT LYTTON SPRINGS, TRY, REPUBLIC SPRIAL.
Austin, Tex., May 22.—The citizens of Lytton Springs, twenty-five miles south of this city, are very much elated over the recent oil find in that neighborhood.
The Bills well is producing fifty barrels per day at a depth of thirty-five feet. Conservative men regard the outlook as very favorable. Options are being taken, leases made and land purchased around the Erik well.

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Oil men from California, on their way to Beaumont, learning of the Elils find, turned saids for Lytton Springs and say they have found the situation far beyond their expectations. They are offering from \$15 to \$250 per acre for lands within a radius of ten miles of the Elils well.

TO PROSPECT NEAR SWEET SPRINGS REPURSED SPRINGS, Mo., May 28.—Prospecting for oil or gas near this place is soon to begin. The Sweet Springs Mining and Prospecting Company is preparing to close leases and sink the first well.

MAY STAGGER THE WORLD.

An Expert's Opinion on the Possi bilities at Beaumont.

Baltimore, May E.-In an munication in this week's Manufacturers'
Record, Mr. Richard H. Edmonds summarhes the results of his observations in the
Beaumont oil field. He describes the leading features of the speculation in the new
field and he gives a warning of the dangers
involved. Regarding the present situation
and the prospects of the field, Mr. Edmonds
says:

ING OF DOCTOR BARNES

Mrs. Barnes and a Negro

GOVERNMENT COMMISSION ESTABLISHES HEADQUARTERS.



SECRETARY FLORY OF THE GOVERNMENT COMMISSION. At his desk in the newly opened offices in the Union Trust building.

The Government Louisiana Purchase Comseion has opened temporary offices on the urteenth floor of the Union Trust building. Secretary Joseph Flory of the com-mission is at work there every day.

"Not a great deal of business that applies particularly to the Government comm as come up as yet," he says. "Most of the correspondence that comes to us at present is turned over by us to Secretary Walter B. nonth. The establishment of more spaci-oca permanent offices is one piece of busi-The commission now has in its employ ically the entire force it will have at least until the active work on the Exposi-tion commences. The force consists of the

Secretary, a stenographer, an expert ac None of the Federal Commi present in the city. Congressman John Al-ler returned to Tupelo, Miss., his home, after transacting the business that brought him to St. Louis, and resulting in his join-ing the excursion of World's Fair Directors

to Buffalo. "Something has been said at Buffalo regarding the handleap which the Govern garding the handicap which the Govern-ment commission will prove to the Exposi-tion company," said Becretary Stevens, "Whether these apprehensions are well founded I do not see how St. Louis could get along without a Federal commission. St. Louis is to hole a World's Fair and must put up a front for foreign nations. The only way this can be properly done is through the agency of a Government com-mission."

CLASSES SHAKESPEARE AS A DEGENERATE

REPUBLIC EPECIAL.
Chicago, Ill., May 21.—"Poets, gamble Chicago, Ill., May 2.—"Poets, gamblers, drunkards, cigarette smokers, persons who are tattsoed and those persons who part their hair in the middle are degenerates."

This is the substance of statements made by Professor Frederick Starr to his stundards. The statements made by Professor Frederick Starr to his stundard among messenger boys.

Sixteen-Year-Old Suicide Roasted Alive Without Uttering a Ory of Pain-Illness the Cause.

Peoria, Ill., May R.—Katis Daugherty, a li-year-old girl, to-day saturated her dress with pasoline and set fire to it. The fames leaped over her, but she stood stoically in the center of the room apparently await-

ing death with pleasure, and uttering not a single cry of pain.

Her act was discovered within a few seconds by her mother and the family. The flames were extinguished as quickly as possible and medical aid summoned. The unfortunate girl was fearfully burned, however, and suffered intense agonies. She died within two hours.

It is thought she could have survived the extreme burns had she not inhaled the flames. The dead girl had been ill for more than a year. Just before dying she gave this as the reason for her deed.

This was the girl's second attempt at suicide, the previous attempt having been made with chloroform.

DEBATE ON

CREED REVISION BEGINS. Continued From Page One.

speech. He is a liberal, and be has a certain personal magnetism which carries all before it fos-the time being.
This has been a great day for the Presbyterian Church. The clerry is a magnificent body of men and if they cling to a creed which sometimes works mischief, and which may be accepted by faith, but not by pusson, we must honor them for their fidelity and their loyalty to what they believe is the truth. The rest of the world wants something warmer and kindlier than the doctrinal iclose of Chivimian, but they do their duty as they understand it. They are more fond of the old than the new and are suspicious of that subolarship which would read the Bible in the light of the Twentieth Century. But that is their business, and criticism is out of piaca.
To-morrow will probably each this great discussion. By samest we shall know whether the Presbyterians are face to face with the future or face to face with the past, whether the subject of revision is to be entertained or disminsed.

GREAT CROWD HEARD ARGUMENTS OF THE DAY.

throughout our church there has been an expression of disantisfaction, with the statements in our written confession, and this dissentiation in growing. We do know something which car paties all not know, or, at least, which they did not write. It is turreasonable that the preshyeries should ask you to consider, if you cannot state the truth in suon a way that it bunderstoot? O Peace, what strifts has been engendered in your name!

Our presbyteries are seeking our aid, and if relief is granted, perminent posses will result. You may term these questions which are agitating the church little things be against the church little things, but sittle things sometimes cause smach irritation. How easy it is to raise the cry that the faith is assailed. I do not believe in beating escingulational drums. It is my ophico that when a document does not express your overtons, the samest way is to change it. Out much that chapter of the confussion we do not mean that chapter of the confussion we do not mean that chapter grace is not to be pessated to all mean. Salventer seems to the church. Has the church, as the representative of the gentle Jesus, nothing to say to that corrowing mother? That is what we sak in this connection.

Is the unknown will of God to be the basis of

ion mission work? We want to know that.

Speaking of the clause referring to the Pope. Doctor Niccolls said there were many examples in the Roman church which might well be emulated. In that church are men of the highest intelligence, self-sacrificing and holy women, who have nursed our wounded on the battle field, and missionaries who have given their lives for their faith.

"Shall not we, then," asked Doctor Niccolls, "exercise that charity which we sak when we are misunderstood."

SALEM METHODIST CONFERENCE.

REPURLIC SPECIAL

Salem, Ill., May B.—The Salem District Conference of the M. E. Church, South, comprising several Southern Illinois counties, met in the M. E. Church, South, in this city this merning, with the Reverend John W. Westoott presiding. An address of welcome was delivered by the Reverend W. H. Nelson of the local church. Many church themse were discussed. The conference will continue until Sunday night. Both morning and affermoon sessions to-day were well attended. Various discussions wore engaged in by the Reverend W. H. Nelson, Wilks Patchin, J. H. McCartney, J. W. Reeves, J. D. Crooks, J. M. Smith, W. B. Blaylock, L. F. Lawrence, C. J. Fresley, M. Chandler, J. D. R. Brown, W. B. Ashby, C. L. Fry, Mr. J. P. Whitson and Miss Ida Moore.

IOWA CONGREGATIONALISTS. Lively Discussion Over the Christian Endeavor Society.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Burlington, Ia., May 32.—This morning's session of the lows Congregationalists was made lively by the discussion of the work of the Young People's Society of Christian Endawor, which the Reverend Frank N. White of Sloux City criticised as having drifted far from the original path intended. He said that instead of heart-to-heart and mind-to-mind work among the members there was a disposition to throw the burden of the work on the shoulders of a few.

The criticism started an avalanche of replies for and against, many arguing the samestness of the present work. A report, recommending the continuation of summer school at Grinnell, Ia., was adopted.

The treasurer's report showed receipts and expenditures had footed up to 120,500, the expenditures including 31,551 paid on the Indebtedness on a property given the acciety. The William Avery Rampton (Control)

Assembly to-day adopted a substitute offered yesterday by Doctor Wynn of Petershurg, Va., recling that, while the General
Arsembly may not approve the wisdom of
the stop, it interposes no bar to the consolidation of the Northern and Southern
Presbyterian theological seminaries in Kentucky. The matter has been under discussion for three days.

The Reverend J. E. Jones, chairman of
the standing Committee on Sabbath Schools
and Young People's Societies, submitted a
report, showing 2,173 Sunday schoole and
142,000 scholars. The report shows that \$22,065 was received during the year from the
Sabbath schools for all causes, and indicates an increase in schools, officers and
teachers, but a decrease in the number of
additions to the church from the Sabbath
schools.

"Home Missies Work!"

Edson, M. Reis, D. P. Reed, all of Grin-

REV. THOMPSON MODERATOR.

United Presbyterian Assembly at

Des Moines Honors Missourian.

Des Moines, Ia., May 23.—When the Gen-eral Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America convened this

Church of Nerth America convened this morning it at once proceeded to ballot for moderator. On the third ballot the Reverend J. H. Thompson, president of the Tarkio College of Tarkio, Mo., was chosen. Reports were then submitted from the various auxiliary societies of the church. The Loard of Education, in atbmitting its report, asked the assembly for an appropriation of \$33,000 for the coming year. During the past year the receipts of the board were \$22,225.57 and the expenses the same amount.

were \$23,323.57 and the expenses the same amount.
During the year fifty-two students received aid. Forty of the students attended the seminary at Xenia, O.
The institutions receiving aid were the Allegheny Seminary, Xenia Seminary, Cooper Memorial, Menmouth, Muskingum, Tarkio, Westminster, Pawnee City and Waltsburg, Cooper Seminary, Xenia Seminary, Cooper Memorial, Menmouth, Muskingum, Tarkio, Westminster, Pawnee City and Waltsburg, Colleges.

In the annual report of the Board of Forces Missionaries acknowledgment is given of the receipt during the year of the sum of Mc2.727, of which \$155,335 was expended. The committee asks for an appropriation this year of \$162,25, of which \$55,000 to Soudan, the balance to be devoted to home missionaries and salaries.
Only two resignations in the foreign mission field are reported, that of the Reverend Ralph E. Carson of Egypt, and the Reversand W. K. McFarland of Egypt. Nine new missionaries were appointed during the year.

CONSOLIDATION OF SEMINARIES While Not Approving, Little Rock

Assembly Does Not Bar Step. Little Rock, Ark., May 23.-By a vote of 169 to 60 the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly to-day adopted a substitute of-

additions to the church from the Subbath schools.
"Home Mission Work" was the topic of discussion all the afternoon, declaring that the needs and opportunities of the home missionary field are growing, while the funds are dimkrishing. The assembly decided to appoint an ad interim committee and the chairmen of the synodical committees of home missions, who shall take in consideration the whole matter of home mission work and report to the next assembly for its action.

SENATOR TOWNE TALKS OF TEXAS OIL

He Gives Interesting Information to Group of Listeners at Merchants' Exchange.

Senator Charles A. Towne of Mint who is on his way home from the Texas oil fields, was a visitor at the Merchants' Exchange yesterday in company with Na than Cole, Jr., formerly of this city, but now a resident of Los Angeles, Cal. They

Senator Towne gave a group of listeners an interesting description of the oil district of the Lone Star State and the rapid development of its resources. He said:

"Fersons outside of Texas have little knowledge of the magnitude of the oil field in Texas, or what it means to the State. The extent of the oil district has not been defined, but enough is known to show that it is not a question of how small, but how large the field is.

"Wherever wells have been bored in the district oil has been found, and from many surface indications which are stronger than those leading to the original discovery of the oil it is assured that the oil producing district extends between one-third and one-half width of the State, and throughout the entire length of the State, and throughout the entire length of the State, and also embraces a large part of that State.

"Laboratory arregiments show that the Senator Towns gave a group of listener

braces a large part of that State.

"Laboratory experiments show that the crude product of the wells in Texass can be made to yield 50 per cent of illuminating oil and that a good lubricating oil and other by-products, such as bensine and naphtha, can be made from the residue.

"The oil boom is only in its infancy, and there is simply no limit to the possibilities in this direction. Oil may be seen floating on the surface of the swamps and cosing out of the ground, and gas may be obtained in meany places by simply driving a pipe a few feet into the earth."

Senator Towne departed last night for Chicago and will go from there to his home in Daluth.

THEORIES OF TAXATION.

Interesting Discussions at Buffalo -F. N. Judson Presides.

Buffalo, N. T., May 22.—A large number of prominent men from all parts of the United States, representing all the con-flicting theories of what constitutes proper systems of taxation for raising revenue for Federal, State and municipal government



F. N. JUDSON.

mer in the Public Library hall to-day. The conference was called by the National Civic Federation.

The inceting was called to order by Friderick N. Judson of St. Louis, chairman of the Missouri delegation, who amount it that in discussing papers delegates would be limited to five minutes each.

Professor R. A. Seligman, instructor of political economy at the University of Committee. The paper on "Inequalities of Taxation."

James A. Garfield of Cleveland, O., spoke exation."
James A. Garfield of Cleveland, O., spot
a "The Listing of Personal Property."
Doctor Max West of Washington, a me
of the National Industrial Commissione on "The Taxation of Farmers."
The proper method of taxing persoroperty was taken up, and, after a lengacussion of the subject, a resolution, be on he method he proper method and arter perty was taken up, and, arter perty was passed, reviding that steps be taken for the foreviding that steps be taken up. B. Pairchild of New York, former Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Fairchild was una-ble to be present, and he address, entitled "The Taxation of Basks and Trust Compa-ties," was read by L. Carvell Root. Vice Prantient Roosevelt will be present at to-mary w" I consume as the guest of the difference.

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DISGRACED CADETS EMPLOYED BY TRUST.

Five Youths, Dismissed From West Point, Are Taken Into the Service of Asphalt Company.

Washington, May 23.—The five West Point andets dismissed yesterday—Bowiby, Cleve-and, Keller, Linton and Mahaffey—will not appeal for clemency to the War Department. They have entered the service of the New York and Bermudes Asphalt Company. This came about through General Franthe trust. He communicated with the War Department this morning and informed

had called upon him in a contrite and re-pentant state of mind, asking his advice pentant state of mind, asking his advice and assistance in shaping their future.

They stated that no turpitude was involved in anything that was charged against them, and General Greene apparently was of the same opinion, for, after hearing their story, he proposed to Secretary Root to employ the young men in the service of the asphalt company.

Secretary Root promptly respended that the War Department had no objection, and that it was true there was no charge touching the integrity of the boys, but only a technical violation of discipline.

So one of the young men will go immediately to Venexuels, General Greene having taken them into his service, and the others will be disposed of according to the engineering needs of the company.

OIL FIND NEAR MOBERLY.

Randolph County Citizens Excited Over the Promising Discovery.

Moberly. Mo., May 13.—Good indications of oil have been discovered on property just outside of the city limits, and residents in this section are greatly interested in the

ticle.

Pieces of the shale were obtained, and when cast into the fire burned steadily with a bright, steady farme until the oil with which it was naturated was consumed, leaving the shale perfectly hard and dry.

The land on which the oil was found has been leased, and a company for prospecting purposes is in process of organization.

There is an immense ritt of shale in this part of Randolph County, and it passes directly under Boberly.

AURGRA MUGEL SCHOOL GRADUATES.

AURGRA HYGE SCHOOL GRADUATES.
REI-UBIAC SPECIAL.
California, Mo., May E.—The commencement exercises of the Aurora High School were held at the opera-house in this city to-night. Three musics were graduated—clars Umbeck, Lacy Moore and Arch Bownsan.

Methodist Minister Ordained.

RPUBLIC SPECIAL

Bridgeport, Ill., May R.—The morning and
afternoon of the last day of the M. E. distriet conference at this place were occupied
with sermons and the ordaining of the following candidates: William Midosis, Clinton Roderick, John E. Owens, Jacob O.

Hawk and W. L. Sheets.

In the sweining the conference was addraused by Judge Newland of Robinses,
Ill.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., May M. deveral the

BANK PRESIDENTS

Men of Money Decide a Wager Reas Jockeys.

nen of this city rode in a mule race afternoon, the affair being the result of a wager as to the participants' skill in such a contest. The race was won by J. R. Beggs, president of the First National Bank, with Thomas Lyons, president of the Aresis State Bank, second; Ben Cox, third; A. B. Clevidence, fourth, and A. Schneider, hast. The mules left the track a number of times and the first four finished while Schneider and his mule were off in a neighboring out field.

All drove as if their lives depended. afternoon, the affair being the re-All drove as if their lives depe

VOLCANO OF KELOET IS IN ERUPTION

People of Blitar Fleeing-Many Lives Reported Lost-District of Java in Darkness.

Batavia, Java, May 31.—The volcane Kelect is in cruption. The lave is thr ening the Blitar coffee plantations and ndangered Rediri. The district is in total

rest loss of Efe, many natives he veryhelmed with lave. The population of Bitter is feets vy rain of cin to-day, covering six di one-third of the island,

Kediri and Surakarta.

Brinkley, Ark. May 22 was married to Charles residence of her methes

There Are 2400

Disorders incident to the hus of which a majority are can moted by impure blood.

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